

Nearby Towns

FIRE AT DELAND

Home of Charles Dewees Burned to the Ground
A fire which broke out in the home of Charles Dewees, located on the corner of the city of Deland, Fla., on Monday night, August 7, 1905, destroyed the building and its contents. The fire was caused by a gas stove which had become overheated. The fire spread rapidly and the building was completely consumed. The loss is estimated at \$10,000.

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are laying off attending the fair. Don Wright was arrested by Chief Penson for breaking into an I C box car.
Tom Pomeroy of Farmer City was in the city Wednesday taking in the fair. He is an old time trick man and drove to the heats in the second race.
Walter Mathews, night cardmaster to the C P St. at Springfield is a young relative. He was formerly a manager for the I C here.
John Kelley, a piano man of Heyworth is in the city on business.
L B Keenan has just returned from Chicago where he ordered a car load of pianos and organs.

SCHOOLS OF THE COUNTY

A. A. Jones Has Finished His Annual Report of Condition.

INTERESTING FIGURES

Are Given Regarding Attendance and School Expenses.

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The figures show some interesting facts concerning the schedule of Decatur and the county and indicate that there has been an increase in attendance and ownership of property.

Some Figures
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Males under 21 in entire county 9,508
Males under 21 in Decatur 5,644
Females under 21 in entire county 9,700
Females under 21 in Decatur 5,644
Total under 21 in county 19,208
Total under 21 in Decatur 11,288

There are 110 schools in the county, 10 being graded and 100 ungraded schools. No district is without a school and all have school six months or more. Twelve of the schools are in the city of Decatur.

The total number of pupils enrolled in the graded schools is 4,600 of which number 4,662 is created to Decatur.

Last year the total was 9,399 so there is an increase in the county, 101. The big increase is in the city.

Teachers and Attendance
The total number of teachers in the county is 240 of which 98 are in the city. The total number indicated in the last report was 253 of which 94 were in the city.

The total number of days of attendance in all of the schools including the city was 1,268,992 compared to 1,205,718 the year previous, an increase of nearly 60,000 days.

Kind of Buildings.
In the city there are twelve brick school houses and in the country ten brick schools. In the entire county there are 118 frame schools making a total of 140 school buildings. The records show that there are no stone or log school houses in the county. Two new school houses were built during the year.

Libraries.
There are libraries in 127 of the schools and in these libraries a total of 13,942 volumes. The year before there were but 11,377 volumes owned by the schools showing that over 1,600 volumes have been added during the year.

Wages Paid.
The highest monthly wages paid teachers in Decatur was \$167 and outside Decatur \$100. The lowest wages paid any male teacher was \$30 and the lowest paid any female teacher was \$33.

The total amount earned by male teachers was \$30,181 and by female teachers \$90,094.

Values and Cost.
The amount of district tax levy for support of schools was \$170,241. Of this \$170,241 was for the city. The estimated value of school property in the county is \$1,455,735 the value of school apparatus is \$10,787 and of school buildings is \$10,787.

The amount of bonded school debt of the county is \$98,270.

The total expenditures of the school for the year ending June 30, 1905, was \$221,061.11.

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THE LATE JOHN HATFIELD.

OLD RESIDENT SURPRISES HIS FRIENDS

John Hatfield Succumbed to E. Lynn Walters and Miss Maude Lewis Married at Capital.
Rheumatism After Long Illness.
YEARS IN BUSINESS FEW FRIENDS THERE
And Was Lumberman, Miller and Old Time Mason.
Bride Is Quite Well Known In This City.

John Hatfield, one of the old residents of Decatur for many years prominent in business circles of the city and a pioneer lumberman and miller of this part of the state, died Sunday morning at his home, 408 West Macon street, aged 77 years.

Not Unexpected.
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DEATH GAME INSTANTLY

Duane Deakin of Bement Tempted The Fates Too Far.

Bement Ill Aug 4—Duane Deakin, aged 13 years met a horrible death Thursday afternoon about 3 30 o'clock.

The Deakin family lives in this city. He and some other boys were playing about the elevator trying to slide a leather belt that had been fastened to the shaft that runs up the shaft and the boys were trying to see how far they could get it.

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YELLOW FEVER NOW INVADES NEW YORK

One Man Dies In Detention Hospital at Quarantine

THIRD CASE IN METROPOLIS THIS YEAR

Nine Other Suspects Are Being Held Pending Inquiry Into Nature of Disease—All Came From Panama And Not From New Orleans.

New York, Aug. 6.—One man died of yellow fever in New York's detention hospital at quarantine today making the third case of yellow fever discovered on ships entering New York this summer and the second death.

"This is the first time in five years," said health officer Doty, "that New York has been threatened by more than one yellow fever case in a summer. William B. Smith, pantryman, taken off the steamer Advance, from Colon, last Thursday with nine other suspects, died today with an acute case of yellow fever.

"Seven other members of this party are still under inspection, but I am positive they are not suffering from yellow fever. The other two yellow fever patients came early in the summer."

Not one of these fever cases, Doty said, came from the fever districts of the United States. Panama supplied all.

NEW ORLEANS FEVER REPORT.

The fever report up to 5 p. m.	
New cases	28
Total to date	553
Deaths	8
Total to date	109
New sub-foet	2
Total sub-foet	95

ILLINOIS DEFENCE PERFECTED.

Castro, Ill., Aug. 6.—W. H. Galland of Chicago arrived here today and joined the force of health officers making the number of inspectors now seven. He is secretary of the state board of health, and assistant doctor Palmer, doctor Knewitz will arrive tomorrow from Freeburg, Ill., and doctor Lovell will go to Thebes to protect that point.

GOVERNMENT BEGINS AT ONCE.

Washington, Aug. 6.—Active control of the yellow fever situation in New Orleans by the United States public health and marine hospital service will begin immediately. Orders to that effect were wired tonight to Surgeon White, the marine hospital officer now on duty in that city.

These orders followed receipt from Doctor White during the day of several telegrams which showed that the citizens of New Orleans had pronounced hearty and unreserved co-operation in the work to be undertaken by the federal government and would meet certain financial requirements composed by the marine hospital service as a preliminary to assuming responsibility.

Anticipating this outcome, Doctor White has already determined upon tentative plans for the work in hand. The city will be divided into wards and each ward placed in charge of a responsible and experienced surgeon, of the central office of the city.

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NEW ORLEANS PROSPECTS BETTER.

Situation Clearing Up and Presence of Marine Corps Reassuring.

New Orleans, Aug. 6.—The fever report today is a great improvement over those during the middle of the week and the fact that there are only two new sub-foet, one up to date and one down to date, is a source of special encouragement.

An effort is being made to determine the number of cases of fever under treatment and allowing ten days, which is a liberal estimate for a patient to remain in the hospital, it is figured that there are now 233 cases under treatment.

Pledge of Expenses Made.

The marine hospital service has not yet assumed control of the local situation but it is expected to do so tomorrow. The conditions precedent to their assumption, that the citizens of New Orleans pledge themselves to put up \$250,000 to defray the cost of labor and material, has been met and Surgeon White is in momentary expectation of receiving the formal order from Surgeon General Wyman to take charge.

President Roosevelt and Surgeon General Wyman have both been wired by the citizen committee of New Orleans that all of the funds for the service may require outside of its own expenditures will be supplied by the people of the city.

This action was taken at noon at a special meeting of the finance committee held in the St. Charles hotel. It followed the news received from Surgeon White that surgeon General Wyman had asked for a definite statement

EASTERN TRIP OF THE CADETS

Particulars of What the Boys Saw on the Road to Washington.

WERE TREATED WELL

And Are All Having a Fine Time.

Special Correspondence.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 4.—The cadet party left Cincinnati at 9:10 o'clock last night for Philadelphia. As we said in the letter from Mattoon, we had a layover of some thirty minutes there. Shortly after we got to Mattoon a fire alarm was turned in and most of the cadets turned out. We found that a burning residence was the cause for the alarm. As it was but about fifteen of the boys went to see it. We were afforded an opportunity to see the Mattoon fire department make a run and we still hold that there is no company in the state that can walk around the Decatur fire boys.

Fun On the Grass.

While waiting in Mattoon Will Andrews grabbed a pillow and started for a plot of grass near the track. Some others also started. Then they played rugby with the sofa pillow.

Returning from the fire on cadet couldn't see a switch stand on the track on account of a pretty girl. He struck it, fell over it, and cut his hand on the cinders.

Our car was attached to the rear of the Big Four train. We left there about one o'clock. After leaving the depot we followed the south branch of the Kanawha. About five miles from the depot we saw a large fire on the shore. It was a lumber mill. The fire was moving up stream, leaving in her track the dripping reflection from the thousands of electric lights in a pleasure resort across the river.

At Cincinnati.

We had no sooner left the city than the boys began to prepare their "bunks." One had found a comfortable way of turning the backs into bunks and the rest immediately followed suit. They found the backs locked, and the porter, a really good fellow, was an hour unlocking them. He would sooner unlock one than the boys would accidentally "sum it" and lock it again. The porter had to undo it but he was patient and took it all good humoredly.

In the Mountains.

A few in the party took sleeping berths, but they were the "grown ups." We awoke early this morning. When we did so we were in the midst of the Blue Mountains. It was great. Some of the pictures of the mountains were to be seen. In the river were boulders of such enormous size as to be almost incredible to tell of.

Many Tunnels.

Passing through twenty-seven tunnels, the largest a mile and one quarter, we came to the Piedmont valley. Such scenery is a pleasant surprise. First we could get an occasional glimpse of a faraway view through the trees as they flitted past the car windows. Then, coming to a clearing, we would rejoice to think we could look upon the view undisturbed. Just about that time we would be looking at a wall of solid jagged rocks as we dashed into a cut. At last the long train of twelve cars came in the clear. Rounding a long curve we had before us one of the grandest pieces of scenery that would be beyond the keen conception of a whistler.

Scenery Beautiful.

Gently rolling hills, crossed here and there by hedge rows and tall fences, green meadows adorned by the lighter green of corn fields, further on the waving yellow of ripened corn fields and the dark green of the wheat and oats. On and on as far as the eye could reach was the same repeated, enlivened and made more poetic by the occasional addition of a log cabin or a planter's mansion.

At Cincinnati.

Just before pulling into the city the train stopped at a station. The section of the platform upon which they had to drill was but six or eight feet in width and it was hard for them to get around.

Much Noise.

Added to that noise which made it almost impossible to hear the commands, it would seem not unreasonable that they have fallen down in the maneuvering. Nevertheless they managed to tell by the captain's motions that they were supposed to do and they did it. As we have thirty minutes there we will likely make connections; if we do not make it arrangements will be made by the traveling passenger agent of this road, who is with us, for a special train.

BUNCOED OUT OF \$5,000

Carried Key of Safe-Deposit Box He Used With Swindlers.

New Orleans, Aug. 6.—Emile Labra, the brother of the Mayor of Barcelona, Spain, who is in the city to study the English language, was buncoed out of about \$5,000 by Frank and Joseph Roberts, two Chicago crooks, who have been in the city for several weeks, and who are now supposed to be on their way to Cincinnati.

The crooks made Labra's acquaintance some time ago, and learning that he had money in the bank, convinced him that the banks were unsafe and that it would be better to place it in a safe deposit box with money which they had. Labra was allowed to keep the key of the box. When he opened it, after he had become suspicious, he found that a bag of money left by the robbers consisted of a \$2 bill on top of a lot of sawdust, and that when this bag had been placed in the box, a bag of money had been substituted. A description of the two robbers has been sent all over the country.

HARRINGTON BROUGHT BACK

He Will Go to Rock Pile While Wife Is In Jail at Clinton.

Joe Harrington, the man who escaped from the rock pile to Decatur Sunday by Turkey Al Marquis. He will be again sent to the stone pile Monday morning.

After escaping from Decatur the man went to Clinton where he hid in the woods. In the evening he went to the farm grounds where he met his wife and his pocket book was replenished with the required funds to carry him to Farmer City. In the latter place he stopped at one of the hotels where he was later arrested by the marshal of Farmer City. Al Marquis brought the prisoner back Sunday morning.

Harrington's wife is now in jail at Clinton charged with being drunk and disorderly.

MRS. GRIFFITHS DEAD.

She Passed Away Sunday At Her Home.

Mary E. Griffiths died at 60 o'clock Sunday morning at her home, 267 East Oglesby street, aged 60 years. Death was due to a complication of diseases.

Mrs. Griffiths was one of the old residents on Oglesby street, having lived in the house where she died for thirty years. She was well liked for her pleasant manner and had a large number of friends. Mrs. Griffiths has been in poor health for over a year and for the past four weeks she has been confined to her bed. She died surrounded by her family, gathered around her. She was survived by Nathaniel Griffiths, Mrs. Mary Lemmings, Mrs. Mattie Crane, Laura Griffiths and James Bessie.

The funeral will be announced later.

ASKS COLOR LINE FOR A CITY JAIL

Alderman Finds Colored Women in Bunks, White Women on Floor.

Port Smith, Ark., Aug. 6.—Alderman Kennedy went to the city jail recently to make an inspection of the way that the station is conducted, and he found that white women were in the bunks in the women's department to go around, so the negro women were sleeping on the bunks and the white women on the floor.

"This is a disgrace to the city, and the women should have separate quarters, so that the whites and blacks could be kept apart," he said.

"I have found the male side of the jail to be overcrowded and the prisoners huddled in together. The negroes and whites were in the same cell. What we want is more room, so that the negroes will not have to be confined

WAS SUICIDE OR MURDER

Husband of Decatur Woman Meets Sensational Death at Toronto.

WILLIAM A. McKELVEY

Was Drowned With Rocks Tied to His Neck.

William A. McKelvey, who met a sensational death at Toronto, was well known in Decatur and his wife's parents are Capt. and Mrs. Samuel McGowan, of 1303 North College street.

The only particulars of the death known to the Decatur relatives are those given in the following item which appeared in the Chicago Tribune:

"The body of William A. McKelvey, formerly a Chicago manufacturer, was found yesterday in the Toronto bay, heavily weighted with stones. The Toronto police think McKelvey had committed suicide. She said he had acted strangely for two years.

"McKelvey, up to two years ago, was a member of the McKelvey-Conover-Miller company, which was a partnership. When the firm dissolved, McKelvey was given the Canadian patent rights were given to him. He went to Toronto to establish a manufacturing plant.

When McKelvey left for Canada his wife opened a boarding house. He promised to send for her in a few months. He suffered business reverses and ceased to correspond with Mrs. McKelvey. She had not heard from him in several months.

"Mrs. McKelvey said she had received no word of the finding of the body, except the newspaper dispatch. The body will probably be brought to Chicago for burial."

Wife Lived Here.

Mrs. McKelvey was formerly Miss Cassie McGowan, daughter of Samuel McGowan. She is now in Chicago and lived at 210 South Main street. She is now the wife of the Hon. S. B. Gardner of Palmer City, who was at one time representative in the legislature from this district. She is a sister of the dead man.

Thinks It Suicide.

The relatives, although they know little of the death, are inclined to the belief that McKelvey committed suicide. They say he had been acting strangely and think perhaps he was mentally unbalanced.

BROKEN GLASS IN THE ROAD

Members of Auto Club Offer Big Reward For Information.

The members of the Decatur Automobile Club are up in arms against some person who scattered broken glass along the road extending from Green's Switch to Okeana. It was reported that a person had broken a pane of glass was found on that road and the club had offered \$100 reward for information leading to the conviction of the auto enemy.

When it is considered that tires cost \$100 and a broken pane of glass can run into broken glass and ruin a tire, the members are determined to learn who played the trick and make trouble for them.

Sneed Limit.

Some of the motorists have been contacted by the sheriff regarding the ordinance for a speed limit. They say they will be satisfied with a limit of ten miles an hour in the fire district and twelve miles an hour in other parts of the city. One of the club members said the organization wanted a speed limit as well as those who do not drive autos.

ESCAPED FINE.

L. H. Shanley, formerly of Decatur but now on the circulating department of the Chicago Tribune, was in the city last night going from Decatur to Clinton. He came from Lafayette, Ind., Sunday, where he was arrested for smoking cigarettes and was fined \$35. He framed up a good story and managed to escape the payment of the fine. In talking to the Herald reporter he took the matter as a huge joke.

BEAUMANOIR COMMANDERY.

A meeting of Beaumanoir Commandery will be held at the assembly in the Temple Block at 3:00 p. m. This afternoon for the purpose of attending the funeral of Sir Knight John Hatfield.

EXCURSION BOAT MAROONED.

Baltimore, Md., Aug. 6.—Because the excursion steamer James Mosley, having on board 700 colored cooks, waiters, butlers, house girls and scullions, went aground in Chesapeake Bay there was domestic discontent among many of the Baltimore residents. Beds remained unmade, front steps unwashed and the head of the family in many cases went to his work with an empty stomach.

The steambot went aground about 9 o'clock in the evening on a sand bar and stuck fast until 4 o'clock next morning.

The negroes were on their way back from the Chesapeake City, and had a glorious time. They were quickly broken up and the offenders were immediately dumped into the hold. At one time there were seven men and one girl under arrest, but all were liberated in the morning. The steamer reached her dock here at 9 a. m.

CONDITION CRITICAL.

Mrs. Moses Stare Shows No Signs of Improvement.

Mrs. Moses Stare was burned Saturday morning in a critical condition. It is feared that she will not recover from the accident. From the first it was thought that the burns were fatal and no improvement was shown Sunday.

VISITING HER SON.

Mrs. Brom Sunday visited her son, Ray Brom, who is awaiting trial for murder. She will return again today before she leaves for her home in St. Joe, Mo. Mrs. Brom will return to Decatur at the time of the trial.

REVIVES OLD TALK OF GIANT ALLIANCE

Russo-American Combination Suggested In 1859 Brought Up.

NOVOE VREMYA RE-PUBLISHES PLEA

Alexander Hertzgen's Appeal of Half Century Ago Finds Semi-Official Endorsement Now—Czar's Empire Is Facing New Era.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 6.—The republication here today by the Novo Vremya of an article written in 1859 by Alexander Hertzgen, the Russian author and political agitator, in which a strong plea was made for a Russo-American alliance and in which the American and European systems of government were compared, most favorably to that of America, is not without interest and considerable significance, particularly in view of the general political situation and the fact that Russia looks upon the policy of establishing a general assembly and granting the country some sort of a constitution.

The presence of the Russian plenipotentiaries in the United States also adds significance to the republication of the article as likewise does Novo Vremya's relations with the government. The Novo Vremya is fully aware that the re-launching of Hertzgen's ideas was acceptable to the government, and, in fact, the printing of it may be called semi-official.

Hertzgen Died An Exile.

Hertzgen died in Paris January 21, 1870, after many years of exile, because of his advanced ideas, which were not acceptable to Russian government. During his exile he published in London a newspaper of liberal tendencies called Kiploki (Whirls) in which he carried on a relentless propaganda for the constitutionalism of Russia.

The circulation of Hertzgen's works in Russia was prohibited until within the past few months, when the ban was removed.

The opening paragraph of the article published by Novo Vremya today is a strong and logical plea for an alliance between Russia and America quoted by Hertzgen from a Philadelphia newspaper printed in 1853 and citing physical and political reasons therefor.

Alliance Principal Theme.

The idea of a possible alliance is one of the principal themes of the article, which, continuing, says that Russia should free herself from old world prejudices and fallacies and turn to

SPUR READY TO CHAUTAUQUA

Interurban Completes Track to Grounds Near Mechanicsburg.

Mechanicsburg, Aug. 6.—Over four hundred people from Springfield and points in the neighborhood gathered at the assembly grounds at Mechanicsburg yesterday and celebrated the formal opening of the interurban spur into the grounds. The excursionists were accompanied by the Capital City band of Springfield and the day was given over to dancing in the pavilion and other amusements.

The first cars over the spur were operated at 8 o'clock yesterday morning at the Springfield contingent coming out. It was that was afterward employed in making the run from the grounds to the junction. Connections were made with all east bound and west bound trains, the car on the spur making hourly trips between the terminals. The service was terminated at 9 o'clock.

Preparatory to the chautauqua to be held August 18-27 the grounds are being carefully gone over and extensive improvements are being conducted. It is expected that when the assembly is held that the most attractive conditions will be presented that have ever been known in the existence of the institution.

The cottages are being renovated and touched up where needed and the sanitary conditions are receiving particular attention.

It is announced that the interurban spur will be completed to the grounds by next week. As it now stands the track terminates about three quarters of a mile from the grounds. The intervening space is being turned over for the making of the right of way.

The interurban cars alone brought in 160 passengers during the forenoon yesterday and over twice as many drove in from the surrounding country. Interest of the people of Mechanicsburg and of Buffalo, is at present more vitally concerned with the completion of the new mining shaft near the former place. Work on the shaft has been delayed, owing to the discovery of gas at the depth of thirty feet. Sand has been found in such quantities and has displayed such stubborn resistance to all efforts to control it in the past that for a time fear was expressed openly that the project might have to be abandoned.

The force in charge of the construction has at last however succeeded in overcoming the obstacles and it is now asserted that the work can progress with prospects of being completed by fall. The shaft has now reached a depth of about sixty feet and has been

FUNERALS.

Mrs. M. A. Querry.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary A. Querry was held at Long Creek Sunday afternoon, Rev. Benson of Blue Mound officiating. The service was held in the Methodist Episcopal church, which was almost filled with the relatives. She had fifty grand children and sixty-nine great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren, and all of these were present. The service was held in the largest that has ever been held in Long Creek, and the cortege was nearly a mile long. Mrs. Querry was buried in the cemetery which was laid out by her father many years ago. There had been one buried in the cemetery for the last thirty years until yesterday.

The choir composed of Mrs. Georgia Davis, Mrs. Nina Green, Harry Lichtemberger and Rees Davis, sang. The casket was covered with flowers. The pallbearers were Rev. F. J. Finley, Frank Bond, T. W. Coville, John Green, J. W. Myers and H. P. Clark.

Mrs. Carrigan.

The funeral of Mrs. Nellie Carrigan was held at 11:00 o'clock Sunday morning from the residence of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Vermillion, 824 West Eldorado street. Rev. J. F. Finley officiated at the service. Burial was at Greenwood cemetery. The pallbearers were H. D. Durham, John Brockway, Fred Jones, W. E. Brockway, Charles Brockway and D. Peterson.

HELD INQUEST.

Coroner Buxton Trying To Find Russian's Relatives.

Coroner Buxton is holding inquest Sunday morning in the court house over the remains of B. Brownian, the Russian who died suddenly in jail. The verdict was that the man came to his death by cardiac effusion. The remains were taken to the county farm Sunday for burial.

Coroner Buxton is making an effort to locate some of the relatives of the dead man and if he fails he will notify the Russian ambassador in Washington. It seems that the man had a small amount of money in the Citizens' National bank of Decatur.

LIGHTNING TEARS SHOES OFF STREET RAILWAY EMPLOYEES.

South Bend, Ind., Aug. 6.—George Curry, Joe Buzinski, James Tuma, employees of the Indiana railway company, were struck by lightning this afternoon while setting trolley poles. The bolt

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NEW FITCH PLAY HUMOROUS, BUT—

Francis Wilson In "Cousin Billy"

R. T. HAINES IN "ONCE UPON A TIME"

Francis Wilson's return to the metropolitan boards is not all that his admirers hoped it would be. "Cousin Billy," the play prepared for the grotesque comedy, does not give Mr. Wilson sufficient opportunities to display his humor as a funmaker, and one who is wishing that he were back in the opera of the sort that aided in making his reputation. "Cousin Billy" affords a good entertainment. Do not misinterpret. But we have learned to expect much from Mr. Wilson that we cannot expect under the collar when he fails to give him a role to his versatile art.

The Fitch Decline.
Fitch is either declining in acting ability or he has made so much money that he doesn't need any more. His one time brilliancy is apparent in spots in his recent contributions. The solution is not easy to find. Mrs. Bloodgood appeared early in the season, was one of the most successful productions seen since E. H. Sothern's "The Coronet of the Duchess." But that lies in a woman's hands. But I do not wish to class Mr. Wilson as a playwright. He is a great actor. He is compared to Mr. Sothern in respect. Only it can be said that the truth that Mr. Fitch appears to be suffering from a relapse from some former Fitch plays. He should have been able to write for Wilson a role that would have been one of the shining successes of his career. But he did not, and that is the saddest part of it.

The Same Francis Wilson.
Francis Wilson in "Cousin Billy" is much the same Francis Wilson of musical comedy. The musical part omitted. He exhibits the same mannerisms and resorts to the same antics in arousing laughter. He sings and parts of the play mightily well. Mrs. Sears as Carrie Green is a disappointment. She is a physical culturist, independent and masculine. Miss Sears is very refreshing. In the third act, when Carrie provokes much merriment by bringing her husband, a meek and mild, anaemic individual, to extract an apology from ex-Alderman Jenks (Mr. Wilson).

May Robson looks very pretty as Mrs. Mead, a much kissed widow. Miss



Robson has appeared in so many roles in which her features had to be distorted and obscured that a part like the present one, where she may display her own attractive face unadorned, must be a great relief.

The Story of "Cousin Billy."
Cousin Billy is a former alderman of Allentown, Pa., who is desperately enamored of his cousin-in-law, Mrs. Estelle Mead, a widow, with a daughter, Kitty. While touring Europe the ex-alderman encounters a long list of difficulties in courting the charming widow (played by May Robson), although in the end he wins her as an ornament to his household. Mrs. Mead is a widow of worldly wisdom, as "black widows" are, and resists the attentions of Jenks, telling him that she will not marry again until her dear

Kitty is safely wedded. So there is but one thing for Jenks to do, and straightway he does it. He brings forward a couple of sample authors. One is a broker named Post (Edward Abeles), and the other is Norton (William Lewers), a lawyer. Both men are smitten by Kitty's attractiveness and vie in rivalry.

Norton in the Ascendant.
Norton forges ahead in the race while the party is in Switzerland by saving

to center her affection on the dealer in stocks and bonds.

Another Love Transfer.

However, Jenks does not long fancy Post as Kitty's captor. The broker borrows Jenks, who has been accustomed to the cream of city hall society in Allentown, and the alderman that was plays still another tune on the accommodating sentiments of Kitty. Jenks convinces the fluctuating damsel that Norton is, after all, just the man for

Abeles is good as the unsuccessful lover. He is just the man for a role of this sort, which Mr. Fitch wrote especially for him. Mr. Fitch is always sure that the roles in his plays are well rendered, because he invariably reserves the right to name the player who shall impersonate the character. Abeles scored a big hit last season with Willie Collier in "The Dictator."

Lewers is effective as Norton, and May Robson is an exceedingly good Mrs. Mead. Both Miss Robson and

heretofore have stepped from society ranks. Miss Davis began her first professional career without any newspaper flourish and has gradually worked her way to a position of importance. She was born in Louisville, Ky. Her grandfather was Joseph Davis, a brother of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy. She began her career about six years ago with a stock company playing a repertory including the Shakespearean drama, the old comedies and plays like "The Hunchback," "Ingomar," etc. She continued in this line of work for two seasons, playing such roles as Emilia in "Othello," Parthenia in "Ingomar" and Helen in "The Hunchback."

Next she played for two seasons in the companies of Charles and Daniel Frohman. She subsequently played Eliza in the all star cast of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" at the Academy of Music, New York; the leading emotional role in E. E. Rose's play, "The Man From Missouri," and the leading comedy role

in the new play, "The Player," which will appear in Miss Louise Malloy's Baltimore paper. It is a romantic comedy entitled "The Player." Its initial performance will occur early in February.

A Remarkable Makeup.
L. Rogers Lytton, formerly E. H. Sothern's leading man, has won much favorable comment this season because of his good work in a prominent role with Mrs. Patrick Campbell in "The Sorcerer."

Mr. Lytton plays Cardenas, an agent of the inquisition, and his makeup is one of the best seen in many years in a role of this sort. Mr. Lytton is of heroic build, standing six feet, and broad in proportion, and his picture of the masterful representative of the mighty and iniquitous religious organization made up of the most bigoted and heartless men of mediæval times is striking and impressive. In one of the accompanying illustrations Mr. Lytton is shown in the character of Cardenas.

Mr. Lytton is one of the comparatively few men of really advanced education on the American stage. He is a graduate of Columbia university and has spent several years in study in German universities. He has several degrees and is a talented musician.

"Once Upon a Time."
Robert T. Haines recently opened here in "Once Upon a Time" at the Berkeley Lyceum theater, formerly the Vaudeville theater. The play, written by his wife, Genevieve Haines, is bright and interesting, particularly at the start, but it is a pity that it does not maintain its initial strength to the end. "A Romance of Andalusia" is the subtitle, which reveals the fact that the play has to do with Spanish life.

Mr. Haines as a Spanish Student.
Mr. Haines' roles is that of Don Juan de Alva, a young Spanish student for the priesthood. Don Juan finally relinquishes his churchly ambitions to fall in love with and marry a girl who was originally destined to take the veil. Gypsy handits and a duel enliven the scene. There is nothing particularly original in the play, although Mrs. Haines frequently exhibits enjoyable humor.

Mr. Haines does well as Don Juan. He is graceful, effective and natural. Mme. Mathilde Controly is a pleasing Concepcion, and E. J. Hatchette proves a dashing, realistic villain, Don Guzman de Mendoza.

Fisher & Ryley are planning a big revival of "Florodora" in the spring.



SCENE FROM "ONCE UPON A TIME"

the life of Jenks. Naturally the ex-alderman owes Norton a good turn, and through the former's persuasiveness (doubtless fostered in the aldermanic chamber) Jenks agrees to marry Norton. But the lawyer is a boastful creature. He prates unceasingly on his bravery in rescuing Jenks from a complete death. Jenks can stand that no longer, and finally, when he succeeds in saving the life of Post, he seizes changeful Kitty

her, and, true to her lifelong habit, she shifts once more. What a true life character this is Mr. Fitch has drawn!

Norton the Victor.
In the end Norton wins Kitty, and Post gets the experience. Jenks is overjoyed at the prospect of winning the Widow Mead that he really doesn't care which man gets Kitty so long as either one becomes definitely anchored to the girl.

Mr. Lewers were with Bertha Gailand in "Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall" last season.

Florence Davis to Star.
Florence Davis, a handsome young actress who has heretofore been content with a modest statin in the theatrical world, is shortly to begin her first season as a star under the management of Mrs. H. C. De Mille.

Unlike most young actresses who

in the late Sol Smith Russell's comedy, "A Bachelor's Romance."

Miss Davis is young and pretty and is regarded as one of the best woman fencers in this country. Being a Kentuckian, it goes without saying that she is an accomplished equestrienne. Mrs. H. C. De Mille, the manager of the venture, is well known as one of the co-authors of "The Greatest Thing in the World," in which play Mrs. Le Moyne starred. She has already entered the managerial field successfully as the manager of the De Mille-Pelaseco plays and as the producer and manager of "The Missourians," a melodrama which has made one of the popular hits of the present season. One of her sons, William C. De Mille, is the author of "Strongheart," in which Robert Edeson will shortly appear at the Hudson theater, New York.

Frederick Ingellis

"CAPE COD FOLK."
"Cape Cod Folk," a New England pastoral written by the Rev. John Snyder, a Congregational minister, will soon be produced in Boston. As the title suggests, the play deals with the everyday life of the picturesque inhabitants of the quaint old hamlet.

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Marvin Hart's Bad Cook Makes Him Dream of Beating Jeff

The world of Fighting

Career of Willie Lewis, the Promising Lightweight Kid McCoy

MARVIN HART, the big Louisville heavyweight, has a bad cook. Marvin says he is the coming conqueror of Champion Jim Jeffries and that if any one could win the world title he is the one to do it. He has defeated Gus Ruhlin and other big men, but reasons that, since he has defeated the champion, he is the logical opponent of Jeffries, although Jim has not considered him as a possibility at any time. "The man that defeats Jeff has got to have the punch," says Hart. "I've got the punch."

Not the Punch, but Its Delivery.
Hart is probably telling the truth when he says he has a punch that could take the giant Jeffries down for the count. There are three or four other men who could hand the champion a job that would knock him out. The Tom Sharkey of a few years ago could do the trick. So could Bob Fitzsimmons or even Jack Munroe. But the great difficulty comes in delivering the punch. Jack Munroe is one of the strongest men that ever rubbed rosin into the soles of fighting shoes, but he lasted less than two rounds with Jeffries. Bob Fitzsimmons has been known the world around as a man who could send in a blow on a punching machine that registers 750 pounds. Tom Sharkey's powerful jabs and jolts could be resisted by no man if they were permitted to take their full effect. And there's the rub. The "baking effect" part of the argument is what proves that Hart's cook is an amateur and that consequently he dreams that he can land on Jeffries' jaw or solar plexus with all his might.



MARVIN HART, WHO IS ANXIOUS TO FIGHT JEFFRIES.

Heavy Hitter Must Be Set.

Jeffries is the hardest heavyweight to hit effectively that the world has ever seen. He is too quick, and his vulnerable spots are too well guarded. It is a fundamental law of pugilism that to deliver a heavy blow a man must be "set"—that is, he must be well balanced on both feet and stationary. He can then deliver the blow by simply waiting for his opponent to come to him, or he can step forward to come to his blow the impetus of his body. Jeffries is too fast on his feet to let an opponent get "set" when within striking distance. The momentary pause required for the stepping of the muscles for the final blow is sufficient to enable him to step to one side or to the rear. When his antagonist is moving Jeff has no fear, for the hardest blow that could be delivered then would not affect his rugged physique materially.

When McCoy Floorpd Sharkey.
Kid McCoy knocked Tom Sharkey off his pins, flat on his back and almost through the ropes in their well remembered fight. Yet a few rounds later Sharkey cut McCoy to pieces, so to speak. The sailor gave McCoy a punishment that few men have ever borne in the ring. How was it possible for McCoy to knock down a man whose great strength ultimately made him the victor? McCoy was "set," and the sailor rushed him, wide open. The Hoosier let loose a right hand wallop, and the sailor received the surprise of his life. After that Sharkey let McCoy do the footwork, and as a result the Hoosier, always on the move, could not put enough force into his blows to harm Sharkey.

Jeff a Thorough Ring General.
Sharkey stood his ground and let McCoy come to him. That is what Jeff



THE DEADLY STRANGLE HOLD AND A STOP FOR IT.

There are two ways to lessen the strain of a strangle hold in wrestling. One method is shown in the accompanying illustration. When an opponent gets your head in a combination chancery and strangle hold, as shown here, with your head down to the upper portion of his right leg with your left hand and push up. You will thus be able to force your head so high that the strangle will do no harm. Of course if your opponent is greatly your superior in strength he will be able to hold your head down and complete the strangle.

fries does when fighting a man who is level headed and strong. He rushes his man only when the latter is weakening and "rattled." Consequently Jeff's opponents are moving when they hit him and cannot get "set." Young Corbett did the same with Terry McGovern. Imagine what chance Hart would have against Jeffries! Hart, anxious to win, would rush Jeffries. The man of lesser reputation, opposing a champion, invariably tries to force the latter off his feet. It is so aggravating to think that that man only a few feet away is the only obstacle that stands in the way of a championship and a fortune. Biff, bang, and the star spanked banner of hopeless night floats gently but surely down over the universe.

Willie Lewis.
Willie Lewis, the clever young New York lightweight, is attracting a lot of attention, and people who know a real fighter when they see one opine that he is the coming conqueror of Jimmy Britt. Lewis is entitled to a great deal of consideration, as his recent victory over Martin Canele evidences. He looks the part of a nifty scrapper, and his record is most promising. Lewis has fought sixty battles, winning fifty-seven of them. Of course most of them were against practically unknown pug, but the fact that he was almost uniformly victorious shows that he has real stuff in him.

Lewis is a counterpart of "Philadelphia Jack" O'Brien. He has the same bony, angular appearance and a long reach. Lewis is now on the trail of Battling Nelson. By defeating Nelson he will have a claim to recognition that Britt cannot trust aside.

Weights 133 Pounds.
Lewis was born in New York, May 21, 1885. He weighs 133 pounds and is five feet nine inches high. As a featherweight in 1900 he entered the professional ranks and rapidly rose to fame. He fought most of his battles in Philadelphia and since May, 1904, has participated in and won seventeen contests in the Quaker City. He also has to his credit a ten round draw with Willie Fitzgerald. Among the boys he has knocked out are Kid Tuths, George Krall, Kid Stein, "Terrible Tommy" Hogan and Billy Fairburn.

Kid McCoy's Relapse.

Kid McCoy has weakened under his training operations for his scheduled bout in Los Angeles with "Twin" Sullivan, and his retirement from fighting is due. McCoy's mode of living has not been conducive to good form, and it is surprising that he did not succumb years ago. When a fighter can't stand training his "finish" is at hand, and the Kid is wise enough to realize this. He may rest a few months and regain some semblance of his old form, but it will

be only a semblance, and any one who knows McCoy knows that the Indiana lad cannot rest. Inactivity to one of his nervous temperaments is like a millstone around his neck.

Brain Versus Body.
The Kid's brain acts too quickly for his body, and it has become exhausted endeavoring to keep within halting distance. When in a fight the Kid delivers, say, a jab to the jaw with his right hand, his mind is already figuring just how a left hook several blows later is to be landed. This characteristic is also noticeable in his everyday life. A will-o'-the-wisp would lose its breath following the agile Kid for a single day.

BEN TAVIS.

BASEBALL NOW MECHANICAL.
"Scientific ball is all right," says Patsey Donovan. "And the game, of course, has improved with the passage of time. Anyhow, the wise critics say so, and why should we dispute them? Still it seems to me that the games today have more of the mechanical and less of the picturesque about them."

"Every mechanical play," continued Donovan, "when performed with snap and speed is exciting and pleases the crowd, but I'd like to see the sort of tricks turned that were brought off continually in the long ago—little plays here and there which often changed the whole tide of a game and were always the product of a ready brain. Not many of even the big stars today run those tricks either on the inside or outside. "Duffy" and McCarthy used to sit around for hours planning jobs on the other fellows, both in fielding and in base running—legitimate jobs too. McCarthy's play of trapping the outfield flies isn't done nowadays, nor have I seen a fielder in years who would place himself to catch a ball, giving the runner the idea that he was just taking it, and then sink his hands, getting the ball near the ground and effecting a double play on the fellow who had started from the cushion and was a sure out, as the ball had not yet been captured. Neither do you see them catch the other

side's pitcher and run him to death as they used to. Why, if the old boys could get a pitcher between second and third they'd keep him going for five minutes before they touched him, and he couldn't pitch for beans in the next inning."

"Base running tricks are not worked as often as in the old days. Put Kelly or Ewing on first, and you'd see how hard it is to make a double play on a live one. No course work either. Kelly, if a grounder intercepted him, never butted straight on into an easy put out, but made them work fast, dancing on the line, and often saved both himself and the batsman. "Such odd little tricks as they used to play! How often have I seen John Clarkson called down for wearing a big belt buckle in such fashion that it flashed light into the batter's eyes! How often have I heard roars of fury because certain second basemen got put out from the umpire without even touching their men; just bluffing at them and getting away with it! Oh, there were a thousand little stalls and dodges a few years ago. Why don't we work them now?"

YACHT NOTES.

The Mediterranean yacht racing season will open shortly, and boats on both sides of the Atlantic are preparing for it. Mrs. Robert Goulet's Nahma, Rear Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt's North Star and Eugene Higgins' Varuna are among the American boats that will be there.

The German emperor has ordered the Hohenzollern to fit out for a southern cruise, and it is said that King Edward will also be present at the races, which will begin early in February. The American auto boat Vingt et Un is on the other side and will take part in the auto boat races that are to be held.

The Manhasset Bay (New York) Challenge cup, which was won last summer by the Minosa III, representing the American Yacht club, will be sailed for again next summer. The Manhasset Bay club is to challenge and will enter J. W. Alker's Alert.

EMPEROR WILLIAM'S CUP FOR OCEAN YACHT RACE.

Rules for the international yacht race to be sailed off the Sandy Hook course next May for the ocean cup offered by the German emperor have been drawn up by the subcommittee of the Imperial Yacht club, consisting of Commander



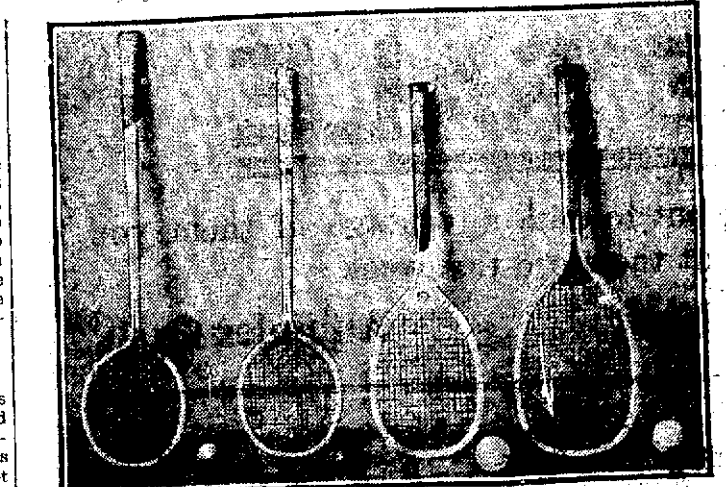
Helbinghaus, the German naval attaché at Washington; C. L. F. Robinson and Allison V. Armour of New York.

The rules provide that the race shall be arranged by the Imperial Yacht club at Kiel and shall be open to all cruising yachts of all nations belonging to any recognized yacht club of 100 tons American custom house measurement or 200 tons Thames measurement and upward.

The race is to be sailed on May 18 from Sandy Hook Lightship to Lizard Lightship. It is required that at least three yachts shall start or there will be no race. The ocean cup will be given by the German emperor personally to the owner of the winning yacht at Kiel at the beginning of Kiel week.

AMERICAN TRAINER LEADS.
The racing season in France has ended. William K. Vanderbilt is sixth in the list of winning owners, with \$57,600. Edmond Blanc is first, with \$125,200. Eugene Leigh, the American trainer, has the best record among trainers, both for flat races and for races over obstacles.

Stately, 2:11 3/4, and Stately Ltd. 2:24 3/4, owned by Empire City stud, Cuba, N. Y., will remain for stud duty at Portland, Ind., in the hands of G. A. Palmer.



RACKETS USED IN COURT GAMES.

In the above illustration are shown some of the rackets, or bats, used in court games. The racket bat, the fives bat, and the squash racket are used in winter, when, of course, rackets, squash and fives are in vogue.

